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Several autos were ransacked and items stolen last night or early this morning in the northwest quadrant of Town (Rokeby/Clyde). Items stolen included GPS devices, CDs, and money. Of the incidents reported, no car was broken into, **every car had been left unlocked. Please be sure to lock your cars;** keep GPS and other valuables out of sight or, preferably, out of the car over night. Park cars off street or near a street light if possible. Be alert to unusual activity and report suspicious activity to the police.

This is the first reported criminal activity in town since June, but it is wise to always be vigilant. The end of summer/resumption of school sometimes brings an uptick in petty thefts and crimes of opportunity. Take reasonable precautions to thwart thefts, including locking your home.

Here are some additional suggestions from police about deterring thefts from cars -

Most vehicle crime is opportunistic and therefore preventable. By following some straightforward advice, you can help reduce this type of crime in your community. Some of the advice may sound obvious and rather simple but it could make all the difference if you follow it consistently. The cost and the time you must spend on repairs, replacement of stolen items can be easily prevented by following some simple tips.

Tips to prevent thefts from your vehicle.

Remove all Valuables - Never leave ANYTHING visible when you leave your vehicle. Even loose change, cigarettes, cigarette lighters, sunglasses, CDs, cell phones, stereos, cameras, and clothing; if they can see it, they will steal it.

Park Safely - When parking at home, always use your garage if you have one, and **lock both your vehicle and your garage**. If you don't have a garage, try to park in a well-lit, open place. When parking at work or your local mall, park in a well-lit open place.

Remove Portable Accessories - Removing GPS devices and stereo face plates, and locking them in the trunk or taking them with you, will deter thieves.

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